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All of the possible keno numbers are displayed on an electronic reader board in the keno game room or on the electronic keno gaming machine. After each player has marked his keno ticket and prior to the start of drawing keno balls, an electronic random number generator is used to select a predetermined group of keno numbers to be "red" numbers for that particular game. All of the other remaining keno numbers are "white" numbers for that particular game of keno. When a player achieves a winning keno ticket, the player wins certain preestablished payouts depending upon whether the player has an all "red" keno winning combination, an all "white" winning keno combination or a "mixed color" winning keno combination. A bonus jackpot feature can be also added to the method of play of keno. In one version of this bonus jackpot feature, the player wins the traditional keno payout for achieving a regular winning combination of matching numbers selected by the player. The player also wins a bonus jackpot amount if the player's matching numbers are all (or a high percentage) of the same color. In another version of this bonus jackpot feature, the player makes a separate, additional wager to be eligible for the bonus jackpot feature payouts. These bonus jackpot feature payouts can be flat amounts or progressive amounts. Progressive jackpot pools can be established for all "red" winning keno combinations or all "white" winning keno combinations or certain "mixed" color winning keno combinations.

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